



Economic Times

IDFC Fund, Canada co form joint venture for road projects

Date: 30/11/2011 | Edition: Chennai | Page: 1 | Source: Bureau | Clip size (cm): W: 21 H: 10

Clip: 1 of 2

IDFC Fund , Canada Co Form Joint Venture for Road Projects

The Ashok Piramal Group's IDFC Project Equity Fund and Canada's biggest engineering group SNC-Lavalin Group have entered into a joint venture agreement to develop road projects.

[Corporate >> 5](#)



Economic Times

IDFC Fund, Canada co form joint venture for road projects

Date: 30/11/2011 | Edition: Chennai | Page: 1 | Source: Bureau | Clip size (cm): W: 21 H: 10

Clip: 2 of 2

IDFC Fund, Canada Co Form Infra JV

OUR BUREAU
NEW DELHI

The Ashok Piramal Group's IDFC Project Equity Fund and Canada's biggest engineering group SNC-Lavalin Group have entered into a joint venture agreement to develop road and highway projects through a public-private partnership across the country.

They plan to commit \$250-300 million in equity in the joint venture company Piramal Roads Infra over the next 3-5 years and fund road projects worth \$1 billion.

"With three partners in the JV, we are in a sweet spot in terms of bidding and can invest up to Rs 6,000-7,000 crore if we get a suitable project," said Aditya Aggarwal, MD at IDFC Project Equity.

The Ashok Piramal Group will hold 51% equity in the JV, while IDFC Project Equity will hold 39%. SNC-Lavalin, which is one of the world's largest engineering and construction groups, will hold the remaining 10%. IDFC Project equity, a subsidiary of IDFC, routed the transaction through its India Infrastructure

Fund. The privately-held Piramal Roads Infra is an existing group company of the Piramal Group. It is developing a road project in Madhya Pradesh.

The JV will enable the group to diversify from its existing business. The group, which is into textiles, real estate and auto components, is looking to strengthen its presence in the infrastructure space. "Growth in this space just beginning and our goal is to be among the leading infrastructure players in India by 2015," said group VC Rajeev Piramal.